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## **Parking Problems Persist**

Parking violations in Norman are generating increasing numbers of citizen complaints. Whether it's parking in yards (the only exception being OU home football game days), cars blocking sidewalks, parking at yellow curbs, or any other violation listed in city code, drivers need to be aware of these violations. Parking in yards in particular continues to be a source of many complaints received by Code Compliance. Norman's City Ordinance Section 431.7 states:

*"In a residential district, no part of a front yard or of a side yard abutting a public street, an interior side yard, or a rear yard shall be used as a parking space for a motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or other vehicle of equivalent or larger size, except upon an approved pavement surface which meets the requirements of this section."*

*"All off-street parking spaces and their access roads shall be paved with an all-weather surface..."*

Parking violations are a serious matter because of the negative impact they have on neighborhoods as well as posing potential danger to pedestrians, bicyclists, and other motorists. Code Compliance Inspectors will issue warnings upon receiving a complaint at a specific address, as well as working proactively to enforce the ordinance. Following the initial warning, any vehicles parked in the yards will be issued citations. The penalty for a citation for parking in yards is \$64 if paid within 10 days, and \$144 after 10 days.

Parking in yards violates Norman City Code. Violators will be ticketed. To notify Code Compliance or the Action Center of parking violations, call Code Compliance at 366-5332 or the Action Center at 366-5396. Notify the Action Center by email at [Action.Center@normanOK.gov](mailto:Action.Center@normanOK.gov).